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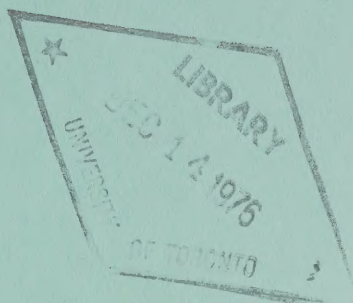
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4-0099 MEETING

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LOCATION

Carleton University
Ottawa, Ontario

DATE AND TIME

December 6, 1974
2:00 p.m.

4-0100 ATTENDANCE

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4-0101 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In his introductory remarks the President elaborated at some length on the University's written brief and supplementary material tabled before Council. Dr. Love, Mr. Larose, Dean George, Dean Wendt, Professor Vickers, and Mr. Neill were then invited to address Council. Professor Vickers stressed that the Minister's announcement of levels of operating support for the coming year had been particularly punitive to Carleton staff and added to the strong likelihood of militancy among Carleton faculty. Mr. Neill stressed the Board's desire for Government's enunciation of policy for the future of the Ontario university system and its concern over the lack of time provided for adjustment.

4-0102 EDUCATIONAL LIAISON COUNCIL

In elaboration of a reference in the brief the delegation described the Ottawa Valley Educational Liaison Council which was composed of representatives of colleges of applied arts and technology, universities and boards of education. The Council had spent a great deal of time obtaining funding for studies, now under way, in each of the four educational sectors.

4-0103 ADMISSIONS

The delegation noted that over recent years the ability of entrants to write English had declined and that as a result of entrant deficiencies the Mathematics department at Carleton was revising its first year curriculum.

Carleton offered a preliminary year programme to approximately 250 grade 12 entrants each year. Students were required to obtain a 65% average in grade 12 for admission to the programme whose curriculum, traditionally, had included any first year course offered at the University. The University had observed that any bright student

could be expected to cope with university studies regardless of whether he entered first year after grade 12 or after grade 13.

4-0104 ENROLMENT

The delegation reported that over the last 3 years enrolment at Carleton had been leveling out and that the University had been attempting, through internal reorganization, to maintain student: staff ratios and accommodate changes in student interest. In Journalism, Architecture, Industrial Design and Engineering ceilings had been placed on enrolment. The delegation stressed that while Government policy stipulated that all qualified students be accepted, levels of funding did not permit the growth required to achieve this objective. As well the delegation noted that more students could have been admitted in 1974-75 if additional residence space had been available, and cautioned that if additional resources were not forthcoming, ceilings would soon be reached in a variety of graduate programmes in which growth had been controlled. On average, including landed immigrants, 15 to 20% of Carleton's students were of other than Canadian origins.

4-0105 GRADUATE STUDENT ASSISTANCE

The delegation noted that the Government raised the ceiling on operating support per graduate assistant from \$2400 to \$3000 at a point too late in the budgeting process for Carleton to accommodate the increase. It was expected that this change in policy would place an additional, as yet unquantified, demand on 1975-76 operating funds.

4-0106 STUDENT "MIX"

The Carleton delegation gave a higher priority to student "mix" than to undergraduate versus graduate orientation as a criterion for supplementary support. It was felt that the use of graduate students to supplement undergraduate instruction was a costly venture and that unless closely supervised, teaching by graduate students could be considered

exploitation.

4-0107 FACULTY

The normal full-time teaching load at Carleton was reported as three courses. More than 80% of Carleton faculty were tenured. Of the remainder 12.8% were on preliminary appointments and 6.5% on term appointments.

Part-time teaching normally was included in regular staff loads except in the summer session. Faculty giving non-credit courses normally received stipends and those teaching at off-campus centres received travel allowances. Approximately 10% of full-time faculty were women but a higher proportion obtained in the permanent part-time faculty category. It was expected that continuing budgetary restraints would worsen the situation of women faculty.

4-0108 INTERNAL RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS

The delegation discussed a number of drastic steps which could be undertaken to generate operating savings, such as total integration of St. Patricks College, the integration of summer part-time teaching with winter part-time teaching and reduction in computer services.

The delegation expressed willingness to provide any information required by OCUA, especially since the University was seeking supplementary support. It was noted that Carleton used an internal formula which examined quantitative load and resource questions as a guide for staffing and other policies. As a result of application of this formula vacancies had not been refilled in some areas and staff had been shifted. The delegation noted that continuation of current financial strain would result in the identification and discontinuation of redundant programme areas. This, it was expected, would involve the termination of both tenured and non-tenured faculty. Due to the faculty age distribution, little attrition was possible through retirement. It was cautioned however that drastic steps would result in the loss of excellent

specialists in mainstream areas.

The delegation noted that research and community service would suffer, by default, under continued financial restraint, as less time would be available to faculty for these pursuits due to teaching load increases.

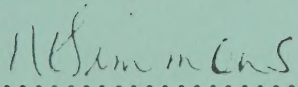
4-0109 CAPITAL SUPPORT

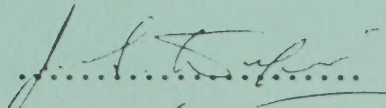
Carleton gave priority to funding for cyclic renewal as opposed to new building starts. The delegation elaborated on administrative delays in securing approval for capital projects outlined in the brief and agreed to forward additional information in this regard.

4-0110 ALLOCATION OF THE 1975-76 EXPENDITURE TARGET

The delegation indicated that none of the models prepared by the Tripartite Committee suited Carleton's needs and that Carleton would prefer to see the maximum increase possible in extra formula grants. The delegation agreed that supplementary grants should be governed by fixed criteria.

Carleton disassociated itself with the COU recommendations in this regard on grounds of the inadequate size of the supplementary support increase and continuance of the Operating Grant Formula as the major distribution mechanism.


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